

What is claimed is:

1. A base releasably coupleable to a tip disposed on a lower end of an elongate member of a jumping device, the tip having an upper surface and a lower surface, said base comprising:

a first body portion adapted to releasably couple said base to the lower end of the elongate member; and

a second body portion having a ground engaging portion adapted to be disposed at or below the lower surface of the tip when said base is coupled to the tip, said ground engaging portion engageable with a ground surface at a plurality of contact points spaced laterally from an axis of the elongate member of the jumping device.

2. The base of claim 1, wherein said first body portion includes a coupler adapted to releasably engage the elongate member.

3. The base of claim 2, wherein said coupler includes a protrusion having an inclined surface, said coupler adapted to mechanically engage the upper surface of the tip.

4. The base of claim 3, wherein said coupler includes a plurality of said protrusions.

5. The base of claim 1, wherein said first body portion includes a coupler having an inner and an outer surface and a rim formed at an end of said coupler, said rim adapted to engage the upper surface of the tip.

6. The base of claim 5, wherein said inner surface of said coupler is formed with a first configuration, said first configuration being substantially the same as a second configuration of the tip to frictionally engage said inner surface to the tip.

7. The base of claim 1, wherein said first body portion includes a coupler having an inner and an outer surface, said inner surface having an annular groove formed therein and configured to receive a portion of an annular ring disposed on the tip.

8. The base of claim 1, wherein said plurality of contact points are spaced symmetrically about said axis.

9. The base of claim 1, wherein said second body portion has a circular and flat ground engaging portion.

10. The base of claim 1, wherein said ground engaging portion is circular with a ground engaging rim formed on a lower end thereof.

11. A jumping device comprising:
an elongate member;
a first ground engaging member having an upper and a lower surface, said first ground engaging member disposed at a lower end of said elongate member;
a second ground engaging member releasably coupleable to said first ground engaging member, said second ground engaging member having a contact portion, said contact portion disposed at or below the lower surface of said first ground engaging member when said second ground engaging member is coupled to said first ground engaging member, said contact portion including a plurality of ground engaging contact points spaced laterally from an axis of said first ground engaging member.

12. The jumping device of claim 11, further comprising:
a coupler disposable on said second ground engaging member, said coupler including a body portion and a rim formed on one end of said body portion, said rim adapted to engage said first ground engaging member.

13. The jumping device of claim 12, wherein said first ground engaging member includes a contoured outer surface.

14. The jumping device of claim 13, wherein said coupler includes a contoured inner surface, said contoured inner surface of said coupler configured to engage substantially

all of said contoured outer surface of said first ground engaging member to frictionally engage said coupler to said first ground engaging member.

15. The jumping device of claim 11, further comprising:
an annular ring disposed on said first ground engaging member; and
a coupler having an inner surface and an outer surface, said inner surface including an annular groove formed therein and configured to receive a portion of said annular ring.

16. The jumping device of claim 11, wherein said second ground engaging member includes a plurality of leg members each having a ground engaging portion.

17. The jumping device of claim 16, wherein said ground engaging portions are disposed symmetrically about said axis.

18. The jumping device of claim 11, wherein said contact portion is circular and flat.

19. The jumping device of claim 11, wherein said second ground engaging member has a frustum-conical shape and said contact portion has a circular ground engaging rim at a lower end thereof.

20. The jumping device of claim 11, wherein said second ground engaging member has a circular contact portion and has a recess formed in an upper surface thereof to receive said first ground engaging member.

21. A pogo stick for use on a ground surface comprising:

an elongate pole;

a tip disposed at a lower end of said elongate pole, said tip having a lower surface for contacting the ground surface, said lower surface of said tip having a first contact surface area; and

a base releasably coupleable to said lower end of said elongate pole, said base including a lower surface for contacting the ground surface and an upper surface for releasably coupling said base to said pole, said lower surface of said base having a second contact surface area, said second contact surface area being larger than said first contact surface area.

22. The pogo stick of claim 21, wherein said upper surface includes a coupler adapted to releasably engage said tip.

23. The pogo stick of claim 22, wherein said coupler includes a protrusion having an inclined surface, said coupler adapted to mechanically engage said tip.

24. The pogo stick of claim 21, further comprising:

a coupler including a sleeve portion and a rim formed about an end of said sleeve portion, said coupler coupleable to said base such that said rim of said coupler engages said tip to releasably couple said base to said tip.

25. The pogo stick of claim 24, wherein said coupler includes a plurality of coupler sections.

26. The pogo stick of claim 21, wherein said lower surface is circular and flat.

27. The pogo stick of claim 21, wherein said base has a frustum-conical shape with a circular ground engaging rim formed on said lower surface.

28. The pogo stick of claim 21, wherein said base having a circular lower surface and has a recess in an upper surface of said base to receive said tip.

29. A pogo stick comprising:

a first tubular member;

a second tubular member disposed parallel to said first tubular member and configured for relative axial movement to said first tubular member;

a handle disposed on said first tubular member;

a foot rest disposed on one of said first tubular member and said second tubular member;

a tip disposed on a lower end of said second tubular member, said base having a lower surface adapted for contacting a ground surface; and

a stabilizer releasably coupleable to said tip, said stabilizer including a body portion, a portion of said body portion enclosing said tip when said stabilizer is coupled to said tip, said body portion adapted for engaging the ground surface at a plurality of ground surface engagement points laterally spaced from a longitudinal axis of said tip.

30. The pogo stick of claim 29, wherein said stabilizer includes an opening formed therein, said tip is disposable within said opening when said tip and said stabilizer are coupled together.

31. The pogo stick of claim 30, further comprising:

a coupler disposable within said opening of said stabilizer and coupleable to said stabilizer, said coupler including a body portion and a lip formed on one end of said body portion, said lip adapted to mechanically engage said tip when said tip is disposed within said opening.

32. The pogo stick of claim 29, wherein said body portion includes a plurality of leg members.

33. The pogo stick of claim 29, wherein said stabilizer has a circular and flat body portion.

34. The pogo stick of claim 29, wherein said stabilizer has a frustum-conical shape with a circular ground engaging rim at a lower end of said body portion.

35. The pogo stick of claim 29, wherein said stabilizer has a circular body portion and a recess formed in an upper surface of said stabilizer to receive said tip.